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Sir:

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

This is responsive to the Office Action mailed May 17, 2004.

This communication confirms the telephone conversation with Examiner Hartmann on May 19, 2004, wherein it was discussed that original claims 1 through 30 from the parent case were cancelled in the transmittal papers filed with this divisional application and applicant wishes to proceed with claims 31 through 45 in this application (Group IV in the Examiner's restriction requirement).

Respectfully submitted,

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